

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Notice of Position Vacancy

Announcement Number: #2019-02
Position Title: Short-term Law Clerk to U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Katherine A. Constantine (full-time)
Term: Approximately six months
Position Available: **April 1, 2019 through August 16, 2019**
Closing Date: April 1, 2019 or until filled
Location: St. Paul, Minnesota
Salary: \$65,463 - \$121,294 (based on qualifications)

This is a full-time, 40 hour per week position.

POSITION DEFINITION

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota is recruiting a short term (approximately 4½ months) Law Clerk to Judge Katherine A. Constantine. A Law Clerk to a United States Bankruptcy Judge performs substantive review, research, and writing on matters pending before the Court.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES INCLUDE:

Reviews complaints, petitions, motions, and other pleadings that come before the Court to determine the issues involved and the basis for relief;

Reviews dockets of pending litigation and monitors progress;

Screens motions and drafts orders for judge's review;

Performs legal research;

Identifies issues before the Court and makes recommendations;

Provides information to the judge in connection with pending litigation;

Drafts bench memos for the judge's consideration;

Proofreads orders and opinions, verifying citations;

Keeps abreast of changes in the law and briefs the judge;

Assists the judge during courtroom proceedings;

Shares in the administrative tasks of chambers; and

Performs other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualification Requirements:

- Graduate of a law school of recognized standing by the American Bar Association or the

- Association of American Law Schools; and,
- One or more of the following attributes:
 - Standing within the upper twenty percent of the law school class;
 - Experience on the editorial board of a law review; or
 - Demonstrated proficiency in legal studies, which in the opinion of the Court, is equivalent to one of the above.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- A strong academic background
- Excellent legal research skills and ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing
- Exceptional organizational, computer, computer-assisted legal research, and word processing skills
- Ability to maintain confidentiality, uphold the Court's ethical rules and exhibit good judgment, maturity, dependability and responsibility
- Ability to work effectively and harmoniously with others in a team-based environment
- Ability to manage and prioritize time and tasks and meet all deadlines
- Previous experience as a federal law clerk or bankruptcy attorney is highly desirable

BACKGROUND CHECK

This is a sensitive position within the Judiciary. The selected candidate will be required to undergo an FBI fingerprint check through the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division. Appointment to this position is provisional, and retention depends upon a favorable suitability determination based on the results of the fingerprint check.

BENEFITS

Because the anticipated term of this appointment is less than one year, this position will be eligible for health and commuter benefits, but will NOT BE ELIGIBLE for supplemental dental or vision coverage, life insurance, the court's flexible benefits program (Health Care Reimbursement Account) or participation in the FERS retirement system or the Thrift Savings Plan.

The successful applicant will earn 4 hours of annual leave and 4 hours of sick leave for every complete two-week pay period worked.

THIS POSITION IS SUBJECT TO MANDATORY EFT (ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER) PARTICIPATION FOR PAYMENT OF NET PAY.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or eligible to work in the United States. Please note citizenship requirements:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/careers/search-judiciary-jobs/citizenship-requirements-employment-judiciary>

Only the most qualified applicants will be invited for personal interviews. Only those selected to interview will be contacted. Interview and relocation expenses will not be reimbursed.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should email a cover letter, detailed resume with exact dates of employment, law school transcript (if applicant is a recent law school graduate), and one recent writing sample **in a single .pdf document** to:

mnb_applications@mnb.uscourts.gov

Please refer to "ANNOUNCEMENT #2019-02" in your application email.

Applicants selected for an interview may be asked to provide a completed Application for Judicial Branch Federal Employment (Form AO 78) and a list of references.

Only qualified applicants will be considered for this position. No telephone calls please. Interview dates will be determined on an individual basis.

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